

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0035] with the following amended paragraph:

**[0035]** A cylindrical pivot bar ~~400~~ 102 is sized to fit into the cylindrical bore 94 of the frame 86 and provide an interference fit therewith. Thus, one end of the pivot bar ~~400~~ 102 is secured in the cylindrical bore 94 and extends from the underside of the removable top cover 30. The opposing end of the pivot bar ~~400~~ 102 fits into the bore of one of the long corner posts 54 and is rotatable therein. When the pivot bar 100102 is inserted into the bore of one corner post 54, the removable top cover 30 is pivotable about the one corner post 54, by rotating the pivot bar ~~400~~ 102 therein. Thus, the removable top cover 30 is pivotable between a closed position in which the top cover 30 covers the opening, referred to as the charge opening, defined by the sidewalls 28 of the composting device 20, and an open position in which the top cover 30 is pivoted away from the charge opening. Thus, when the top cover 30 is in the open position, the charge opening defined by the sidewalls 28, is exposed for adding compost matter to the composting device 20.